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For: GRAPHITE POWDER FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODE OF
LITHIUM ION SECONDARY CELL AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of January 22, 2003, a petition to extend the time for response for a further month to May 22nd having been filed and the appropriate fee paid the following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material absorbs or is coated with an aqueous solution containing either ion-exchanged

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